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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/733,282 :
FILED: DECEMBER 12, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3663
FOR: CODED TARGET FOR NEUTRON :
SOURCE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

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In response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2005, the invention of group I, including claims 1-8, 10-13, 16, and 18-21, is elected with traverse. Further, the invention of Species I, including claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10-13, and 18-21 is elected with traverse.

MPEP § 803 states: "If the search examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions."

The claims of Groups I and II appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Therefore, Applicants traverses the outstanding Restriction Requirement on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

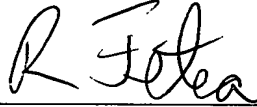
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Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group and a single species be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-23 be conducted.

Respectfully submitted,

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